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SENATOR GREGG ANNOUNCES \$525,000 FOR THREE NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITIES TO HIRE ADDITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS *Epping, Londonderry, Northfield to benefit from federal award*

WASHINGTON – U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that three communities in New Hampshire have been awarded funds totaling \$525,000 to hire a total of seven new, full-time law enforcement officers. The grants are funded through the U.S. Department of Justice Community Oriented Policing Services office, which provides funds for local police departments to hire new officers. Senator Gregg, the Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and the Judiciary, oversees funding for the COPS program. *(Please see the list below for specific towns and grant amounts.)*

The grants awarded under the Universal Hiring Program of COPS provides law enforcement agencies with up to 75 percent of the total salary and benefits of each officer over three years, up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer.

Senator Gregg stated, “I am extremely pleased that Epping, Londonderry and Northfield have received these important COPS grants. Increasing the number of police officers in our communities helps create a safer living and working environment for our citizens. These funds will allow more officers to be out working in the streets to help keep our crime rates down.”

Chief Scott Hilliard of the Northfield Police Department stated, “The Northfield Police Department is pleased to be a recipient of the COPS award. It comes at a time when our calls for service have increased dramatically. This award will allow us to assign an officer to focus on Juvenile matters and investigations.”

Chief Gregory C. Dodge of the Epping Police Department stated, “The Town of Epping is experiencing tremendous growth during difficult economic times. The impact on the services we provide are strained, hiring new personnel is costly and this grant award will be instrumental in achieving our goals with less of a financial burden.”

COMMUNITY	GRANT AMOUNT	FULL-TIME OFFICERS
Epping	\$225,000	3
Londonderry	\$225,000	3
Northfield	\$75,000	1
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Total:	\$525,000	7

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